GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN SEEKING JOBS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has noticed the increasing incidents of Indian ladies working as housemaids in gulf countries being thrown into the flesh trade;

(b) if so, whether Kerala has submitted a proposal of mandatory training programme for women seeking jobs as housemaids in the Gulf; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken on the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTRY OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) There have been no reports of the increasing incidents of Indian women working as housemaids in Gulf countries being thrown into flesh trade.

(b) The Government of Kerala is organizing ten-day training programmes for housemaids. However, this is not mandatory.

(c) Does not arise.